

The Columbus Courier

Villistas Will Hang May 19

The seven condemned Villistas are now safely behind the stone walls of the Santa Fe penitentiary awaiting their execution on May 19, unless a new trial is granted them. The men were ordered to be taken to Santa Fe by Judge Medler, who declared that the Luna County jail was neither safe nor sanitary. The seven Villistas, all of whom were wounded during the Columbus raid, were in charge of deputies Kealy, Dieudonne, Faulkner, and Snodgrass.

Judge Medler also ordered all other prisoners in the county jail, who were confined for longer than ten days to be taken to Santa Fe, as the condition of the jail was such that he did not consider it advisable to leave them there. This included Francisco Acosta, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison on a second degree murder charge in connection with the killing of another Mexican in a fight at Spaulding. He was one of the jail breakers, but was acquitted of being implicated in the death of Sheriff D. B. Stephens.

Others sentenced to prison and taken to Santa Fe were: Richard Dais, charged with larceny and sentenced to one year in prison; Roland Robinson, charged with larceny and sentenced to one year; Jose Carasco larceny, three to four years; Ramon Espinos, concealing stolen property, fined \$500 and three to five years in prison.

Patio Sanchez, who was captured at Columbus after the raid with a pair of field glasses and a uniform under his pon garb, was taken to Santa Fe to await trial on a charge of being implicated in the raid, his case having been postponed until the next term of court.

The county commissioners, who refused to pay the doctor bill of Buck Sevier, who was wounded during the fight with the jail breakers, have been ordered to pay this bill by Judge Medler. The commissioners held that the medical attention should have been given by the county physician, but the judge declared that the deputy was risking his life in the best interests of the county and ordered that Sevier's time while he was away from his work be paid for.

Miss Grace G. Goebel and Miss Orah Harkness came down from Deming last Friday in the interest of the Luna County Chautauqua, which will be held in Deming beginning May 2nd, lasting eight days.

The Columbus Drug Company have installed their new soda fountain and now have it in operation about fifteen hours per day.

Two Men Accidentally Shot

D. L. Gage, of Deming and a man by the name of Snell are both at the point of death as a result of an automatic pistol being accidentally discharged. Snell was sitting at a table in Kohlberg Bros. store Thursday afternoon with his pistol in his hand trying to explain how it was impossible for the pistol to be discharged while the safety was on. Evidently the safety latch dropped down and the gun fired, the ball taking effect in the lower part of the abdomen and passing through his body, striking Gage, who was standing a short distance behind him, in the right side. Snell is in a very dangerous condition and it is not thought that he will survive. It is not yet known how serious Mr. Gage's wound is, as the ball lodged in his body and the doctors have been unable to locate it. Dr. T. H. Dabney and the doctors of the camp are doing everything possible for the wounded men.

Mr. Gage is a married man and has two small children. A report of the accident was phoned his wife, and she and a brother of the wounded man arrived here as soon as they could make the trip. We have been unable to learn anything about Mr. Snell. Both men were employed by the government as truck drivers.

Rig Moved To Anderson Place

The Elliott well rig was moved to the Anderson claim first of this week to start the drilling of a deep test well for oil. The new well will be located about one hundred feet from the well in which oil was found over two years ago, and the drilling will be started at once. Mr. Kniffin, the promoter says he expects to sink the hole 2,000 feet at least and that possibly the work can be done within four months.

Mr. Elliott did not go down with his well as deep as he expected but will move the rig back later and go deeper. He discontinued the well for the present that work could be started on the oil well. It seems that he has a good pumping proposition, the water standing within fourteen feet of the surface, though it has not been tested. The hole was drilled a few feet deeper than the 400 foot level.

Many New Business Establishments

Columbus now has a very different appearance from the Columbus Villa left here. A large number of new buildings have gone up, and others under way. Restaurants, cold drink stands, shooting gallery, grocery stores and other places have been opened at every spot where there was space to be found in the main part of town, and all seem to be doing a rushing business. The streets are at times crowded with the people, soldiers, civilian government employees and visitors, and the little town that was, now has the din and bustle of a large city. There are a dozen or more eat houses that feed hundreds and hundreds of people every day. Several new business buildings are being completed and if the present growth continues, it will only be a short time until Columbus will become a city of some importance.

In Memory of the Slain

A movement has been started by the ladies of Columbus for the erection of a monument in memory of those who lost their lives in the Columbus raid. The idea is to buy a small tract of land somewhere in the central part of town, making a small park, using all the funds that can be raised in making it attractive and erecting a small monument. A mass meeting is to be called sometime in the near future for the purpose of deciding upon some plan, and also the most feasible means of raising the necessary funds. An opportunity will be given the citizens of the state of New Mexico to subscribe to the fund if they so desire, and it is possible that subscriptions will be acceptable from any part of the nation. Watch for the announcement of the date for the mass meeting and be sure to attend.

School Children Get Half-holiday

Last Thursday afternoon the school children of Columbus were given a half-day holiday and some of them a pleasure trip to Deming.

The Deming Chamber of Commerce had made arrangements with the Princess Theatre there to give free tickets on that afternoon to the pupils of the Deming schools and to a limited number of the pupils of Luna county. The picture shown was Cabiria, a play founded on the history of Rome and Cortage during the time of the Second and Third Panic wars. 262-262 B. C.

The Columbus pupils won their tickets by contests of scholarship.

In the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades the pupils wrote Compositions on the subject presented in the play, not signing their names, but giving a number instead.

Mr. Strivson was the judge. The prizes were awarded as follows: 5th grade, Linguin Burkhead; 6th grade, Lois McCullah and Florence Bourgeois; 7th, Alton Brazil and Elliott Means. In the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades, a spelling contest was given. In the 4th the prize winners were Glen Dean Evans and Ethel Reed. 3rd, Golda Lemmon and Ethel Bain. 2nd, Mary Means and Hugh Poole.

Misses Greenwood and Walker, and Dr. Marshall kindly donated the cars.

Just a Word to You

There comes a time when you, as with every other person, need something in groceries. It may be a can of beans or a pound of sugar.

Please Always Bear this in Mind

When that time comes, we are here to serve you—we have the right goods with which to serve you and guarantee that both quality and price will please you

SAM RAVEL

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Taylor Wednesday, May 3rd at 3 P. M. for the regular monthly meeting.

Reward

\$5 reward for the return of one large red milk cow branded with an arrowhead on left shoulder.—Ira Haight. Itc

Changes From Dry To Wet

A Texas town recently voted in favor of saloons. And here is the reason given for the change of heart by a prominent citizen: If we are going to stand for our women folks wearing shadow skirts and slit skirts and transparent skirts, and our young women learning to dance the Boot Weevil Wiggle, the Texas Tommy, Tango, the Bunny Hug, the Bear dance, the Jiff Center, the Buzzard Play and the Pappy Huddle, and so on down the line then the men might just as well have their saloons, and the whole push go to hell together. Itc

For Sale

Seven good work mules. One mile west of Sunny side school house.—W. G. Montgomery. Itc

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W. C. HOOVER,
[Seal] Notary Public.
My commission expires January 15, 1917.

Completes New Residence

L. J. Peach has completed his new dwelling house to the rear of the Peach restaurant, and is now occupying the same. The building, he says cost him a little less than \$300 and when finished he refused an offer of \$25 per month rent. It contains only two rooms and a cellar, though it is very nicely finished and is well fortified against heat or cold. It is an attractive home, and the offer that he had for the rental of the house should encourage the building of more desirable houses for rent.

Not An Ice Wagon

The gasoline wagon license that A. Fredrickson applied for a few days ago was not for the ice wagon, as many thought, but for a new Ford, which he purchased from A. J. Evans, the local agent. Mr. Evans also sold a car to John Kaltemayer a short time ago, which he uses as a truck as well as a joy wagon.

Mr. Doderer a Candidate

J. F. Doderer, of Deming, was a visitor to Columbus Tuesday of this week. He is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Superintendent of schools and was down getting acquainted with our citizens. Mrs. Doderer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peterson and Mrs. S. J. Breese accompanied Mr. Doderer on the trip.

Former Resident Dead

News was received here Sunday announcing the death of Clifford Moody at the home of his father, W. L. Moody, at San Simon, Arizona. Clifford was a resident of Columbus several years, having been engaged in the cattle business in the Valley, and had a host of friends here.

Church Services

There will be services at the M. E. church next Sunday as follows: S. S. 9:45. Morning Worship 11. In the evening, the E. L. at 7:15. Leader Miss Page. Evening services, 8:00.

There will be a food sale next Saturday given by the Ladies Aid. Patronize home cooking.

For Sale

One Studebaker wagon; 4ft 3in galv. pipe, new; One 10 in plow, nearly new; 28ft 13in woven canvas belting, never used; Several head stock.—Ira Haight.

Must Clean Up

Notice to citizens of Columbus N. M. You are respectfully notified that any person dumping garbage or committing any other unsanitary offences inside of corporation will be prosecuted. Get busy and clean up your back yards and alleys for your own protection as well as the general public.

April 27th, 1916.
J. R. OSBORNE,
Village Clerk.